



SPOKANE REGIONAL CLEAN AIR AGENCY  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 4, 2008                      9:00 a.m.  
SPOKANE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING  
LOWER LEVEL HEARING ROOM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilmember Rose Dempsey  
Board Member Melissa Ahern  
Commissioner Bonnie Mager

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Dameworth, Director (left at 10:35)  
Barbara Nelson, Finance & Personnel Admin.  
Ron Edgar, Chief of Technical Services  
Lisa Woodard, Public Information Officer  
Matt Holmquist, Compliance Administrator  
Russ Neumiller, Air Quality Specialist  
Michelle Wolkey, Legal Council (left at 10:45)  
Mary McDermott, Secretary

**WORK SESSION:** There was no work session.

**BOARD MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING ITEM #6:** The board meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Commissioner Mager, Vice Chair.

**1. Director's Report for August – Bill Dameworth**

Joe Southwell has drafted a rule and it is circulating among the staff, odor consultants and legal consultant for review and comments. We plan to follow up with the other local air agencies and DOE for comments and get input from them before presenting a proposal to the Board. Lisa Woodard was nominated for and received the EPA Region 10 Air Toxics Award for her work on the wood stove replacements. The title company would like a signed resolution from the Board authorizing Bill to sign the papers for closing on the office property. We are planning on installing surveillance and security systems for the building to deter vandalism and theft. We obtained three bids and expect to start installation as soon as escrow closes. Ron Edgar, our architect and Bill met with the Spokane City Building Department on August 14 to review their requirements. We will need to come up with a landscape plan and we are currently soliciting bids. The City has sent us and our architect their written recommendations which should speed up the review process for our building permit. The proposals to do electrical and mechanical

engineering reviews seemed high to Bill, so our architect is soliciting a couple more bids. The building is ADA compliant right now. It now appears that final plans for the building interior and exterior landscaping will not be ready until September. We are probably not looking at moving until the early part of December. Commissioner Mager asked if they will have some renderings that Bill could bring to the Board next month. Bill replied he believes so and will bring those next month. Matt Holmquist and Bill had a number of individual telephone discussions with Dwight Hamilton at Turbo burn and it appears we have a satisfactory compliance agreement with him, which Bill has signed and it has been returned with Mr. Hamilton's signature as well. Bill added that Spokane Clean Air is in the process of making a records request from the other individuals that sell these heating devices, in Washington and across the Country, because they still have to comply with the state law which is you can't sell it unless it meets Washington State standards. It is appropriate for Spokane Clean Air to enforce DOE's rule. Commissioner Mager asked who at DOE is responsible for enforcing or not enforcing this rule. Bill replied that his understanding is that they have quite a bureaucracy that they have to go through in order to do anything on enforcement. Matt Holmquist stated that is true and he thinks Spokane Clean Air should talk to DOE. Bill believes that Spokane Clean Air should not only address this concern with Turbo Burn, but the rest of the companies distributing these products in Washington State that do not comply with the state law. Commissioner Mager agreed with Bill on this and stated that she knows that they have a problem in Eastern Washington because the Eastern Washington Regional Office of DOE has to report directly to Olympia, which makes it much more difficult for them and she doesn't care for that structure at all and thinks that Spokane Clean Air should be getting more than what it is getting. Bill stated that he is hoping that if Spokane Clean Air shows that it is taking some successful action, maybe DOE will help out. Matt stated that Karen Wood would be his first contact person. He has seen DOE and all of the local air agencies throughout the state get together before, sending a letter to all outdoor wood fired boilers throughout the nation, at least informing them of the Washington State requirements. Maybe with us as a lead, they would be compelled to go the next step which is getting records from them all now and see who is selling this product in Washington State and tell them you can't do this and if we catch you the next step is enforcement action. Commissioner Mager recommended talking with Grant Pfeiffer.

## **2. Public Information/Education Update for August – Lisa Woodard**

Lisa gave an overview of the information and education update. We were at Kids Day, Unity in the Community, two Spokane Indians Baseball games and Margee has been coordinating the "Go Green" booth at the Fair. We are getting ready to launch the new round of wood stove change-out program rebates. Ads have been placed in all of the Voices sections of the Spokesman Review; legal notice in S/R; news release distributed; fact sheet on proposed changes created; and webpage/notice posted for the proposed changes to the outdoor burning regulation. The fall chipping and composting event is on October 4<sup>th</sup>. ABCO is donating two large drop containers; Fire District #8 has secured a chipper and staff to run it; master composters will be out doing compost training; and flyers and ads/news releases are being developed. Print ad will run in the Southside Voices. Margee is heading the EnviroKids Club with other local agencies and will be coordinating a fall tree planting project in October with the Conservation District. Margee is helping with the landscaping of the new building and Lisa is working on the signage for the building. We had a news release on the dust storm exceedance.

### **3. Activity Report for July 2008 – Ron Edgar**

Not too many complaints for July, most were regarding dust. Inspections are down due to the new in inspection staff training. Air quality for July was mostly in the good range, there were a couple of days that got into moderate and ozone was in the moderate range just a little but ozone has been very good this year. Until August 18<sup>th</sup> we had been meeting all air quality standards, we did have an exceedance of the PM<sub>10</sub> standard on August 18<sup>th</sup>, which will be turned in as a natural event and will not be held against us as far as our attainment status. We have PM<sub>2.5</sub> (fine particulate) smoke monitors in place and operating and they are giving us real-time data. It is reflected in the AQI on our web page but we are in the process of talking to our web development people about putting up a new web page so people can select what ever area they want and be able to see what the air quality is in their community. It is coming up real-time on DOE's air quality web page. Commissioner Mager would like to see it published somehow to let the Doctors know because people who have asthma would really benefit from it. Maybe with a colorful flyer they can put on their bulletin boards. Board Member Ahern thinks it would be a good idea to advertise it in the County Medical Society newsletter. Ron replied he would see what he could do to accomplish that. Lisa added that she will be on a conference call with people who specialize in asthma and respiratory and she will let them know where they can find this information to tell their clients.

### **4. Income/Expense Statement for July 2008 – Barbara Nelson**

Barbara stated that new accounting software was purchased and she is still in the process of getting it installed and all of the information transferred over and balanced out. At the next board meeting Barbara hopes that everything is ready so that she can have a good income statement and it will also break down the cost of expenses year-to-date for each of the different full-cost recovery programs. We will be able to enter the revenue and expenses on a monthly basis associated with each program.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA – ACTION ITEM** – Approval of the August 7, 2008 Board Minutes. Approval of Vouchers for August 2008 Numbered 3072 through 3155 in the amount of \$162,209.55 and Payroll of \$118,798.70 for a Grand Total of \$281,008.25. Councilmember Dempsey moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Board Member Ahern seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

### **6. PUBLIC HEARING Resolution 08-26 – Amendment to Asbestos Regulation – Matt Holmquist**

Matt stated that seeing no public present, the presentation information was presented by Brenda Smits at the last board meeting and there were no additional public comments so if the Board would like, they can move forward to public comments. There were no public comments.

Board Member Ahern moved to approve Resolution 08-26 and Councilmember Dempsey seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. Resolution 08-27 – Authorizing the Director to Sign Closing Documents in the Purchase of the Property and Building at 3104 E. Augusta – Bill Dameworth**

Bill stated that this is something that the title company has asked so that the Board Members don't have to go down and sign it themselves.

Councilmember Dempsey moved to approve Resolution 08-27 and Board Member Ahern seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. Board Concerns** – There were no Board concerns.

**9. Public Forum** – There were no public comments.

**The meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.**

The next Board Meeting will be October 2, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in the lower level of the Public Works Building.

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JEFFREY CORKILL, CHAIR

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WILLIAM DAMEWORTH, SECRETARY